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MEMORANDUM

To: Programming Coordinating Committee

Date: February 7, 2008

From: CMAP Staff

Re: Summary of the TIP and Proposed Procedures for Revising the TIP

The goals and objectives of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are to:

- Identify transportation investments to implement regional strategies
- Identify the projects or phases of a project that are funded over the next four years
- Present, in realistic terms, project costs and available funding sources
- Maintain regional planning integrity cost estimates and funding sources should be determined through an open and transparent process
- Be a user friendly document that is useful
- Be accessible via electronic means
- Include a streamlined process for document development, approval and modification

Discussions with the regulating and implementing agencies have resulted in new procedures for how CMAP makes changes to its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

For years, the staff of the MPO Policy Committee has been recommending that people interested in influencing the projects in the TIP work with the City of Chicago, the suburban municipality or the suburban Planning Liaison and the implementing agencies. These agencies are: the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Tollway, the RTA, City of Chicago, Council of Mayors, CTA, Metra, Pace, and the counties. The Planning Liaisons (often referred to as PLs) are staff to the suburban Council of Mayors, an extension of CMAP's staff supported in large part by CMAP funding.

The creation of CMAP and the evolution of the planning process have led many to believe it is crucial that the TIP be more than simply a catalogue of the programs developed by the implementing agencies. It is hoped that the revised procedures will move us toward this goal.

The procedures to revise the TIP as currently proposed apply only to those projects which include federal funds or are deemed regionally significant.

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Amendments, including adding a new phase such as construction, to federally funded and/or regionally significant projects (subject to thresholds below) will require a public comment period of at least 96 hours prior to approval.

| Percent | Federal Project or | Maximum |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Increase | Project Group Cost | Change |
| 100% | \$0-\$1,000,000 | \$1,000,000 |
| 50% | \$1,00,001-\$4,999,999 | \$2,500,000 |
| 25% | \$5,000,000-\$9,999,999 | \$2,500,000 |
| 20% or \$10M | Greater than or | \$10,000,000 |
| | equal to \$10,000,000 | |

The projects included in the TIP are available for review on the CMAP website. Work continues on CMAP's effort to provide a visualization tool that allows easy access to the projects included in the TIP.